

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Call to Order: By Chairman Elsie Arntzen, on February 6, 2007 at 3:08 P.M., in Room 172 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Elsie Arntzen, Chairman (R)
Rep. Wayne Stahl, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Brady Wiseman, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Duane Ankney (R)
Rep. Mark Blasdel (R)
Rep. Bob Ebinger (D)
Rep. Wanda Grinde (D)
Rep. Betsy Hands (D)
Rep. Pat Ingraham (R)
Rep. Hal Jacobson (D)
Rep. Deborah Kottel (D)
Rep. Gary MacLaren (R)
Rep. Bill Nooney (R)
Rep. Jesse O'Hara (R)
Rep. Diane Sands (D)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: Rep. William J. Jones (R)

Staff Present: Sonja Lee, Legislative Branch
Pam Schindler, Committee Secretary

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 510, 1/26/2007
Executive Action: HB 235, HB 280, HB 235, HB 112, HB 372, HB 426, HB 314

HEARING ON HB 510

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:55 Rep. Wayne Stahl, (R), HD 35, opened the hearing on HB 510, Revise assessment costs for improvement districts.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:02:18 Alec Hansen, League of Cities and Towns

00:03:47 Sheryl Wood, Associate Director, Montana Association of Counties

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:04:18 Rep. Ingraham

00:04:56 Rep. Stahl

00:05:16 Mr. Hansen

00:07:05 Rep. Jacobson

Closing by Sponsor:

00:07:46 Rep. Stahl

00:08:29 Break

00:29:06 Reconvene

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 253

00:30:17 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Wiseman moved that **HB 253 DO PASS**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote 15-0. Reps. Sands, MacLaren, Nooney, and Jones voted by proxy. No proxy for Rep. Arntzen.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 280

00:32:40 **Motion:** Rep. Wiseman moved that **HB 280 DO PASS**.

Discussion:

00:33:06 Rep. Stahl

00:35:43 Rep. Nooney

00:35:47 Rep. Grinde

00:36:21 Rep. Wiseman

00:37:37 Rep. Sands

00:38:30 Rep. Stahl
00:39:39 Rep. Grinde
00:40:24 Rep. Jacobson
00:41:38 Rep. Hands
00:42:36 Rep. Stahl
00:42:48 Rep. Sands

00:45:11 **Vote:** Motion that **HB 280 DO PASS** carried 9-6 by roll call vote with Reps. Blasdel, Ingraham, Jones, MacLaren, Nooney, and Stahl voting no. Rep. Jones and MacLaren voted by proxy. No proxy for Rep. Arntzen.

Chairman Arntzen did not release the Committee Report for HB 280; HB 280 was eventually re-assigned to the Education Committee after reconsideration on 2/8/07 by the Local Government Committee.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 235

00:47:24 **Motion:** Rep. Wiseman moved that **HB 235 DO PASS**.

00:47:54 **Motion:** Rep. Wiseman moved that **HB 235 BE AMENDED**.
EXHIBIT(loh26a01)

Discussion:

00:51:31 Rep. Ebinger

00:52:02 **Vote:** Motion that **HB 235 BE AMENDED** failed 7-8 with Reps. Wiseman, Ebinger, Grinde, Hands, Jacobson, Kottel, and Sands voting aye. Reps. Jones and MacLaren voted by proxy. No proxy for Rep. Arntzen.

00:54:09 **Motion:** Rep. Ingraham moved that **HB 235 BE AMENDED**.
EXHIBIT(loh26a02)

Discussion:

00:54:32 Sonja Lee, Legislative Services
00:56:48 Rep. Hands
00:58:02 Ms. Lee
00:58:34 John Brewer, Director, Billings Chamber of Commerce
01:00:03 Rep. Stahl
01:01:12 Rep. Nooney

01:01:31 **Vote:** Motion that **HB 235 BE AMENDED** carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Jones, Wiseman and MacLaren voted by proxy.

01:02:38 **Motion:** Rep. Ebinger moved that **HB 235 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(loh26a03)

01:02:59 **Vote:** Motion that **HB 235 BE AMENDED** carried
unanimously by voice vote. Reps. Wiseman, MacLaren and
Jones voted by proxy.

01:03:45 **Motion:** Rep. O'Hara moved that **HB 235 DO PASS AS**
AMENDED.

Discussion:

01:04:08 Rep. Ankney
01:04:56 Rep. Ebinger
01:05:01 Rep. Jacobson
01:06:20 Rep. Stahl
01:06:45 Rep. Grinde

01:07:35 **Vote:** Motion that **HB 235 DO PASS AS AMENDED** carried
14-2 by roll call vote with Reps. Blasdel and MacLaren
voted no. Reps. Wiseman and Jones voted by proxy.

Chairman Arntzen did not release the Committee Report until
2/8/07.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 112

01:10:30 **Motion:** Rep. Stahl moved that **HB 112 DO PASS.**

01:11:09 **Motion:** Rep. Stahl moved that **HB 112 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(loh26a04)

Discussion:

01:11:54 Ms. Lee

01:12:16 **Vote:** Motion that **HB 112 BE AMENDED** carried
unanimously by voice vote. Reps. Jones and Wiseman
voted by proxy.

01:13:01 **Motion:** Rep. Stahl moved that **HB 112 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(loh26a05)

01:13:22 Ms. Lee
01:14:43 Rep. Arntzen

01:15:13 **Vote:** Motion that **HB 112 BE AMENDED** carried
unanimously by voice vote. Reps. Jones and Wiseman
voted by proxy.

01:15:49 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Jacobson moved that **HB 112 DO PASS AS AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Reps. Jones and Wiseman voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 372

01:16:58 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Ingraham moved that **HB 372 DO PASS**. Motion failed on a roll call vote 8-8 with Reps. Wiseman, Ebinger, Grinde, Hands, Ingraham, Jacobson, Kottel, and Sands voting aye. Reps. Jones, MacLaren and Wiseman voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 426

01:19:24 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Jacobson moved that **HB 426 DO PASS**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Reps. Jones and MacLaren voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 314

01:20:45 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Hands moved that **HB 314 BE TABLED**. Motion carried by roll call vote 10-6 with Reps. Stahl, Ankney, Ingraham, Jones, MacLaren, and Arntzen voting no. Reps. Wiseman, Jones and MacLaren voted by proxy.

Local Government Committee Business:

01:21:55 Chairman Arntzen
01:23:28 Rep. Sands
01:23:43 Rep. Ebinger

Exhibits Handed in at end of Hearing:

EXHIBIT(loh26a06)

For HB 314 heard on 1/25/07

EXHIBIT(loh26a07)

For HB 265 heard on 1/23/07

EXHIBIT(loh26a08)

For HB 367 heard on 2/1/07

EXHIBIT(loh26a09)

For HB 415 heard on 2/1/07

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:35 P.M.

REP. ELSIE ARNTZEN, Chairman

PAM SCHINDLER, Secretary

EA/ps

Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([loh26aad.pdf](#))